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START FIRST SYSTEMATIC TOWN PLANNING IN MONTENEGRO

Titograd, 3 April - Immediately after the war, there was no systematic planning in any town in Montenegro. Even the larger towns often had no electricity or water supply, and all municipal installations were damaged during

Since the war, more than 17,000 homes have been built at a cost of almost 550 million dinars. New apartment houses have been built in all towns. By the end of 1949, 35,500 square meters of apartment space had been built, and 8,000 more square meters were added during 1950.

Apartments for workers have been built near large enterprises and farms, near the "Prvi Maj," "Radosavac," and "Gornji Ibar" sawmills, the "Lazine" Brickyard, and some state farms. Farm-work cooperatives put up about 900 buildings and more than 900 apartment houses for their members.

Nonetheless, the housing question has not been solved in most places. In Titograd alone, the People's Building Council has more than 1,000 unfulfilled requests for housing. Similar difficulties exist in other towns. Apartment construction will be speeded considerably when the Factory for Prefabricated Buildings, now under construction in Titograd, is completed. It will produce annually parts for 2,000 homes.

The water-supply system in Budva and Hercegnovi have been expanded and those in Zabljak and Risan are nearing completion. Extensive work is being done on the Titograd water-supply system. The large installations have been completed for the water systems in Rijeka Crnojevica, Danilovgrad, Niksic, Pljevlje, and Cetinje. About 400 different water-supply installations have been built in Montenegrin villages, with Niksic Srez leading.

The electrification of cities and highly populated towns has not been completely solved. Even towns like Bijelo Polje, Dan'lovgrad, and Savnik did not have electricity before the war. Only 20 towns in Montenegro had electricity immediately after the war. The construction of the thermal and hydroelectric power plants on the Musovica River has given electricity to about 30 more towns. Today, 20 percent of the dwellings in Montenegro have electric lights, compared with 8 percent before the war.

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Construction in all cities is developing according to systematic plans made by the Planning Bureau for Montenegro. To date, plans have been completed for constructing dwellings for miners in Suplja Stijena. The construction plan for Titograd is being finished, and the Planning Bureau is working on plans for Pljevlje, Bijelo Polje, and Zabljak.

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